## Message for U.S. Citizens – U.S. Consul Visit to Provide Routine Consular Service in Cochabamba on January 13 and 14, 2015 U.S. Embassy La Paz, Bolivia December 12, 2014

The U.S. Consular Agency in Cochabamba is now closed to the public and will not reopen. This message is to advise the public needing services in Cochabamba that U.S. Embassy personnel will provide routine consular services to U.S. citizens, federal beneficiaries, and customers requiring notarial services in Cochabamba on January 13 and 14, 2015, at the Education USA office in the Centro Boliviano Americano (CBA) located in Calle 25 de Mayo N° 0365, Cochabamba.

Individuals who require consular services in Cochabamba will need to schedule an appointment by sending an email to <a href="ConsularLaPazACS@state.gov">ConsularLaPazACS@state.gov</a> with the type of appointment needed, names of all people attending and a preferred time for the appointment. The Consular Section will send a confirmation email.

The schedule in which services will be provided will be the following:

Tuesday January 13 and Wednesday, January 14 Morning: 09:00 am to 12:00 pm Afternoon: 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

For all questions and services related to non-immigrant (NIV) visas, please continue to contact the U.S. Embassy in La Paz at <a href="mailto:ConsularLaPazNIV@state.gov">ConsularLaPazNIV@state.gov</a> and <a href="mailto:ConsularLaPazIV@state.gov">ConsularLaPazIV@state.gov</a> for immigrant visas (IV).

The routine consular services that will be provided include:

- Applications for Passports
- Applications for Additional Visa Pages
- Applications for Consular Reports of Birth Abroad
- Requests for Consular Reports of Death
- Notarial Services
- Various Federal Benefits Services

Please check the U.S. Citizens Services web page at <a href="http://bolivia.usembassy.gov/service.html">http://bolivia.usembassy.gov/service.html</a> for the required forms and documents which will need to be submitted for the different services.

As a reminder, all business related to U.S. visas will continue to be exclusively managed at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz.

You can stay in touch and receive Embassy updates by checking the Embassy website, found <u>here</u>. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, by

calling the regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Bolivia enroll in the <a href="Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)">Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</a> at <a href="www.Travel.State.Gov">www.Travel.State.Gov</a>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the U.S. embassy.

Regularly monitor the State <u>Department's website</u>, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the <u>Country Specific Information for Bolivia</u>. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website. Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

You can contact the American Citizen Services Unit at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at <a href="mailto:ConsularLaPazACS@state.gov">ConsularLaPazACS@state.gov</a> or by telephone at 591-2-216-8246 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.) or 591-2-216-8500 after hours and on weekends.

The U.S. Embassy is located at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public by appointment on Monday through Thursday from 08:00 to 12:30, and Thursdays from 14:00 to 16:00. You can schedule a non-emergency appointment by visiting our website.

The Embassy operates one Consular Agency in the city of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The Santa Cruz Consular Agency is located on Roque Aguilera Avenue #146 (3rd ring). You can contact the Santa Cruz Consular Agency by telephone at 591-3-351-3477, during regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

If you wish to visit the Consular Agency for a non-emergency matter, please schedule an appointment through our <u>website</u>.